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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to July 06, 2007.
2. ☐ The allowed claim(s) is/are 165-202.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This communication is in response to Applicant's amendment filed on July 6, 2007. Claims 165-202 are pending in this application.

Examiner's Amendment

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with attorney Erika H. Armer on January 18, 2008. The application has been amended as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-164. (Cancelled)

165. (Currently amended) A computer-implemented method by an accumulator agency for processing through a bank a child support obligation of an employee who is a noncustodial parent to a governmental state entity of the United States, comprising:

receiving notice of the child support obligation by the employee at the accumulator agency using a computer processor;
requesting an employer of the employee to withdraw the child support obligation from a salary of the employee [[via]] by the accumulator agency using a computer processor, wherein the accumulator agency processes a child support payment through the bank as a debit-based transaction and processes a child support disbursement to the state as an addendum-based transaction, wherein the accumulator agency, the bank, and the state are separate entities;
receiving notice of satisfaction of the child support obligation at the accumulator agency using a computer processor; and
terminating the withdrawal of the child support obligation from the salary of the employee upon receipt of notice that the child support obligation has been satisfied by the accumulator agency using a computer processor.

166. (Previously presented) The method of claim 165, wherein requesting is performed by the employee.

167. (Previously presented) The method of claim 165, wherein requesting is performed by a court.

168. (Previously presented) The method of claim 165, wherein providing is performed automatically.

169. (Previously presented) The method of claim 165, wherein providing is performed upon request.

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170. (Previously presented) The method of claim 169, wherein the request is made by the employee.

171. (Previously presented) The method of claim 169, wherein the request is made by a court.

172. (Previously presented) The method of claim 165, wherein the obligation is owed to a custodial parent.

173. (Previously presented) The method of claim 165, wherein the obligation is owed to the state.

174. (Currently amended) A system at an accumulator agency for processing through a bank a child support obligation of an employee who is a noncustodial parent to a governmental state entity of the United States, comprising:

an obligation receiving hardware component configured to receive notice of the child support obligation by the employee;

a requesting hardware component configured to request an employer of the employee to withdraw the child support obligation from a salary of the employee via the

accumulator agency, wherein the accumulator agency processes a child support

payment through the bank as a debit-based transaction and processes a child support

disbursement to the state as an addendum-based transaction, wherein the accumulator agency, the bank, and the state are separate entities;

a satisfaction receiving hardware component configured to receive notice of satisfaction of the child support obligation; and

a providing hardware component configured to provide for the termination of the withdrawal of the child support obligation from the salary of the employee upon receipt of notice that the child support obligation has been satisfied.

175. (Previously presented) The system of claim 174, wherein the requesting component is configured to be performed by the employee.

176. (Previously presented) The system of claim 174, wherein the requesting component is configured to be performed by a court.

177. (Previously presented) The system of claim 174, wherein the providing component is configured to be performed automatically.

178. (Previously presented) The system of claim 174, wherein the providing component is configured to be performed upon request.

179. (Previously presented) The system of claim 178, wherein the request is made by the employee.

180. (Previously presented) The system of claim 178, wherein the request is made by a court.

181. (Previously presented) The system of claim 174, wherein the obligation is owed to a custodial parent.

182. (Previously presented) The system of claim 174, wherein the obligation is owed to the state.

183. (Previously presented) A computer readable medium storing instructions that, when executed, cause a computer system at an accumulator agency to perform a method for processing through a bank a child support obligation of an employee who is

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a noncustodial parent to a governmental state entity of the United States, the method comprising:

receiving notice of the child support obligation by the employee;

requesting an employer of the employee to withdraw the child support obligation from a salary of the employee via the accumulator agency, wherein the accumulator agency processes a child support payment through the bank as a debit-based transaction and processes a child support disbursement to the state as an addendum-based transaction, wherein the accumulator agency, the bank, and the state are separate entities;

receiving notice of satisfaction of the child support obligation; and

providing for the termination of the withdrawal of the child support obligation from the salary of the employee upon receipt of notice that the child support obligation has been satisfied.

184. (Previously presented) A system at an accumulator agency for processing through a bank a child support obligation of an employee who is a noncustodial parent to a governmental state entity of the United States, comprising:

obligation receiving means for receiving notice of the child support obligation by the employee;

requesting means for requesting an employer of the employee to withdraw the child support obligation from a salary of the employee via the accumulator agency, wherein the accumulator agency processes a child support payment through the bank as a debit-based transaction and processes a child support disbursement to the state as an

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addendum-based transaction, wherein the accumulator agency, the bank, and the state are separate entities;

satisfaction receiving means for receiving notice of satisfaction of the child support obligation; and

providing means for providing for the termination of the withdrawal of the child support obligation from the salary of the employee upon receipt of notice that the child support obligation has been satisfied.

185. (Currently amended) A computer-implemented method at an accumulator agency for processing through a bank a child support obligation of an employee who is a noncustodial parent to a governmental state entity of the United States, comprising: determining that the employee has the child support obligation by the accumulator agency using a computer processor;

withdrawing the child support obligation from a salary of the employee by an employer via the accumulator agency using a computer processor, wherein the accumulator agency processes a child support payment through the bank as a debit-based transaction and processes a child support disbursement to the state as an addendum-based transaction, and wherein the accumulator agency, the bank, and the state are separate entities; and

providing for the termination, by the accumulator agency using a computer processor, of the withdrawal of the child support obligation from the salary of the employee once the child support obligation has been satisfied.

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186. (Previously presented) The method of claim 185, wherein imposing is performed by the employer.

187. (Previously presented) The method of claim 185, wherein imposing is performed by a court.

188. (Previously presented) The method of claim 185, wherein imposing is performed by the noncustodial parent.

189. (Previously presented) The method of claim 186, wherein providing is performed by the employee.

190. (Previously presented) The method of claim 186, wherein providing is performed by a court.

191. (Previously presented) The method of claim 185, wherein the obligation is owed to a custodial parent.

192. (Previously presented) The method of claim 185, wherein the obligation is owed to the state.

193. (Currently amended) A system at an accumulator agency for processing through a bank a child support obligation of an employee who is a noncustodial parent to a governmental state entity of the United States, comprising:

an obligation determining hardware component configured to determine that the employee has a child support obligation;

an imposing hardware component configured to impose on the employee a withdrawal of the child support obligation from a salary of the employee by an employer via the accumulator agency, wherein the accumulator agency processes a child support

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payment through the bank as a debit-based transaction and processes a child support disbursement to the state as an addendum-based transaction, and wherein the accumulator agency, the bank, and the state are separate entities; and a providing hardware component configured to provide for the termination of the withdrawal of the child support obligation from the salary of the employee once the child support obligation has been satisfied.

194. (Previously presented) The system of claim 193, wherein the imposing component is configured to be performed by the employer.

195. (Previously presented) The system of claim 193, wherein the imposing component is configured to be performed by a court.

196. (Previously presented) The system of claim 193, wherein the imposing component is configured to be performed by the noncustodial parent.

197. (Previously presented) The system of claim 194, wherein the providing component is configured to be performed by the employee.

198. (Previously presented) The system of claim 194, wherein the providing component is configured to be performed by a court.

199. (Previously presented) The system of claim 193, wherein the obligation is owed to a custodial parent.

200. (Previously presented) The system of claim 193, wherein the obligation is owed to the state.

201. (Previously presented) A computer readable medium storing instructions that, when executed, cause a computer system at an accumulator agency to perform a

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method for processing through a bank a child support obligation of an employee who is a noncustodial parent to a governmental state entity of the United States, the method comprising:

determining that the employee has the child support obligation;

imposing on the employee a withdrawal of the child support obligation from a salary of the employee by an employer via the accumulator agency, wherein the accumulator agency processes a child support payment through the bank as a debit-based transaction and processes a child support disbursement to the state as an addendum-based transaction, and wherein the accumulator agency, the bank, and the state are separate entities; and

providing for the termination of the withdrawal of the child support obligation from the salary of the employee once the child support obligation has been satisfied.

202. (Previously presented) A system at an accumulator agency for processing through a bank a child support obligation of an employee who is a noncustodial parent to a governmental state entity of the United States, comprising:

determining means for determining that the employee has the child support obligation;

imposing means for imposing on the employee a withdrawal of the child support obligation from a salary of the employee by an employer via the accumulator agency, wherein the accumulator agency processes a child support payment through the bank as a debit-based transaction and processes a child support disbursement to the state as an addendum-based transaction, and wherein the accumulator agency, the bank, and the state are separate entities; and

providing means for providing for the termination of the withdrawal of the child support obligation from the salary of the employee once the child support obligation has been satisfied.

Any comments considered necessary by Applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee, and to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled Comments on Statement of Reasons for allowance.

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hani Kazimi whose telephone number is (571) 272-6745. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Alexander Kalinowski can be reached on (571) 272-6771. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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